

DECLARATION OF LOUANN MUELLER

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I, Louann Mueller, declare as follows:

1. In 1984, I received a B.B.A. in Business Administration and Paper Science from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
2. From 1987-1997, I worked for James River Corporation as Quality Manager. My responsibilities included, in part, product development in extrusion coating products for the food industry.
3. From 1997 to the present, I have worked for Coating Excellence International, LLC, as Technical Manager. My responsibilities include, in part, product development for extrusion coating products for industrial applications, including ream wraps.
4. During my entire career, I have encountered and worked with ream wrap products.
5. I have been a member of the Technical Association for the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) since 1990.
6. I have reviewed the present invention and compared it to the prior art using a composite construction involving paper commingled with one or two layers of melted poly film.
7. It is my opinion, which is borne out by the test results set forth below, that the present invention, comprising a paper/liquid poly/solid poly film composite structure, has greater strength than the prior art comprising commingled

paper/poly construction and that the present invention differs significantly from the prior art in these respects.

8. The test results listed below show that the present invention, the Sharkskin<sup>TM</sup> Ream Wrapper with 40# BL/10# LDPE/70 gauge film is stronger than and different from the prior art, namely a 40# BL/10# LDPE/7#LDPE:


	<u>Sharkskin<sup>TM</sup></u>	<u>40# BL/10# LDPE/7#LDPE</u>
Burst Strength TAPPI T-403	62 psi	30 psi
Tear Strength TAPPI T-414	152 g	112 g

9. It is further my opinion that a person of ordinary skill in the art of extrusion coating and development of industrial papers such as ream wrap would review these test results and reach the conclusion that the present invention differs significantly from the prior art and constitutes a stronger ream wrap.
10. Sample 1 attached is an example of the present invention, as described in the above test results.
11. Sample 2 attached is an example of the prior art, as described in the above test results.

12. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements are made on information and belief believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application to which it relates or any patent issued thereon.

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